

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the office action dated February 8, 2008. Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-17, 19, and 21-24 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-17, 19, and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,897,260 to Zingher (*hereinafter*, "Zingher") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,870,089 to Fabbio et al. (*hereinafter*, "Fabbio"). In view of the amendments and arguments set forth below, it is submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct over the art of record.

The subject application is directed to a system and method for distribution a document to at least one destination. Document data representative of an electronic document is received for distribution. A job is created by appending to the document data at least one printer job language command, wherein the printer job language command includes instructions for the distribution of the job by a document distribution queue and destination data specifically identifying at least one destination for distribution of the electronic document. The electronic document with the appended printer job language command is communicated to the document processing queue, wherein the appended printer job language is parsed. The job, inclusive of the printer job language, is then distributed to at least one destination specified within the printer job language based on the parsed printer job language command.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Zingher is deficient relative to teaching communicating the electronic document and appended PJL to the distribution queue and parsing the PJL from the document via the queue. The Examiner relies on the added teaching of Fabbio to address this deficiency. As noted by the Examiner, Fabbio relies on encapsulation information on an electronic package representation. The Fabbio system relies on such encapsulation information which is understandable only by the delivery system. In fact, this distribution system must strip the encapsulating information and translate the information into a format specific to a destination.

An elegance of the teachings of the subject application resides in distribution information being encoded into PJL. A document having routing information embedded into PJL need only pass the document to a queue which is able to parse destination information and route the entire document, inclusive of the PJL, in unaltered form to each destination. While routing information

is suitably maintained in the PJL, destinations will ignore such information, and continue to process the job sent to it. Thus, the system requires no alteration of jobs for various destinations, and operates to distribute jobs efficiently and effectively by use of PJL embedded routing information.


Amendment to each of independent claims 1, 9 and 17 has been made to render more clearly the patentable distinctions of the subject claims over the art of record. As amended, all claims include limitations wherein the entire job, inclusive of PJL, is routed to each selected destination. As such, this is far removed over the art of record for reasons noted above.

In accordance with the afore-noted amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art, and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/33336.

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